

MINUTES OF SWIM ENGLAND ESSEX AGM

Date: 14th December 2019

Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Place: The Creche, Basildon Sporting Village

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

Item		Action by
Attendees	Fred Gale (Chair), Kay McGuire, Neil McGuire, Henry Watkinson, Lyndsey Motin, Doug Drake, Cheryl Ellis, Paul Hayes, Paul Robbins, Lisa Richards, Norman Edgell, Mike Callcut, Dean Walker, Carol O'Brien (Thurrock), Alan Wilde (Chelmsford City), Sue Hagger (Maldon Sharks), Lucy Ford (Basildon), Liz Whiston (Barking and Dagenham)	
Apologies	Sandra Spooner, Keith Bridge, Angela Eguakhide, Michael Laniyan, Laura Neary, Dunmow, Colchester	
1. Minutes of Last Meeting	HW welcomed all to the meeting. He thanked all volunteers of the County for their tireless help this year The minutes of the AGM on 13 th December 2018 were agreed as a true record. Proposed by CE and seconded by MC	
2. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
3. To consider Annual Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HW opened the floor to the meeting for questions on the annual reports. Nothing was added to the reports so they were taken as read, 	
4. To approve the Accounts for the Year ended 31st March 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HW summarised KB's report. Losses had increased to around £20,000. The case of these losses were threefold • Having adjusted the qualifying times for the Age Groups and reduced the entry fee, the result was income fell by about £10,000. Whilst it is unlikely the QTs would be adjusted again, the Committee would be seeking a gradual increase in entry fees. HW and LM both confirmed the have the lowest entry fees in the Regions with the exception of Suffolk whose meets are short course. • Expenditure had increased on two front. Firstly the Beacon Programme was costing a lot more than expected and income was keeping pace. The Committee agreed to go away and look at balancing the books. • The County introduced the Swim England Talent Programme and this was always going to be run at a loss. However costs are higher than expected. We will continue to run this in 2020 but both this and the Beacon Training welcome under scrutiny in 2021 if losses continue to mount. • The accounts were then duly approved. Proposed by LM, seconded LR • HW advised there would be no increase in the annual membership fee of £1 per swimmer across all categories. This had been previously approved by the Committee 	Committee
5. To appoint an Examiner for the accounts	The appointment of Smiths Accountancy Services on a pro bono basis was approved. Proposed by LR, seconded by CE	

<p>6. Proposed resolution of changes to the existing Constitution of Essex County A.S.A.</p>	<p>There were no proposed resolutions to change the existing constitution.</p>	
<p>7. Election of Officers and Management Committee for 2019-2020</p>	<p>At this point, the Committee stood down. HW thanked ST for his sterling work as President this year and welcomed Cheryl Ellis to the role wishing her good luck in the role.</p> <p>There was only one nomination per post as shown below and four for elected representatives. All nominations were duly approved.</p> <p>Proposed by FG and seconded by DD</p> <p>Officers President Mr Mike Calcut President Elect : Dean Walker Secretary Mr. Henry Watkinson Treasurer Mr. Keith Bridge</p> <p>Section Managers Swimming Mr. Paul Robbins Diving Vacant Synchronized Swimming Laura Neary Water Polo Mr. Dean Walker Disabilities Vacant Masters : Vacant Open Water Mr. Paul Hayes Swimming Events Mrs. Lyndsey Motin Trophies Officer Vacant Swimming Officials Mrs. Kay McGuire Volunteer & Workforce Vacant Welfare - Cheryl Ellis</p> <p>Other Elected Members of the Management Committee Minutes Secretary Mrs. Sandra Spooner Records Officer Mr. Keith Bridge</p> <p>Representative to ERASA Mr. Paul Hayes</p> <p>Elected Representatives (maximum 6 nominations) Mrs. Lisa Richards Mr Ian Rose Mr. Michael Laniyan</p> <p>Co- Opted Members</p> <p>Web Manager - Jonathan Chan</p> <p>HW asked if anyone was interested in any of these roles, then please contact him in the usual way. It was agreed HW would speak with Darren Tucker of Dunmow Atlantis re Trophies Manager as he had expressed an interest previously.</p> <p>HW mentioned that although not nominated, he expected James Hadley and Dean Walker to continue in their roles as Diving and SWater polo Managers respectively.</p> <p>HW also welcomed IR to the Committee</p>	

<p>8. Any Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HW proceeded with the swimming awards. They were Brock Whiston (Plaistow Award for Girls) and Erin Little (Higgs Shield). These were accepted by Brock and Erin's parents as Erin was at school in Devon. HW congratulated them both. The Plaistow Award for Boys was to Daniel Gencas of Romford who was not at the meeting. This would be presented at the Age Groups. • The Volunteer Pins were then presented to Lyndsey Motin and Paul Hayes - both gold representing in excess of 15 years of volunteering for the County. • SH then raised the issue of galas for classification of disability swimmers. It was agreed the current provision was not good but these are generally run by Swim England and not the Counties. LW then suggested she exchange notes with SH as she knows a number of the key players. • AW asked about Water Polo. DW advised there was a meeting on 18th January to discuss the pathway in the Region together with a consultation to consider the interests of the participants. 	
<p>9. Close</p>	<p>The meeting closed at 8.03pm. The Executive were reminded the next meeting was on 9th January 2020 at 7.45pm at the Ford Technical Centre, Dunton.</p>	